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## MAC

**M** Has, in English, one unvaried sound, by compression of the lips; as, *mine, tame, camp*: it is never mute.

**MACARON**. *n. f.* [*macarone*, Italian.]  
1. A coarse, rude, low fellow; whence *macaronick* poetry, in which the language is purposely corrupted.  
Like a big wife, at sight of loathed meat,  
Ready to travail; so I sigh and sweat,  
To hear this *macaron* talk on in vain.

**MACARON**. *n. f.* [*macaron*, French, from *μακαρ*.] A kind of sweet biscuit, made of flower, almonds, eggs, and sugar.

**MACAW-TREE**. *n. f.*  
The *macaw-tree* is a species of the *palm-tree*, and is very common in the Caribbee islands, where the negroes pierce the tender fruit, whence issues a pleasant liquor, which they are very fond of; and the body of the tree affords a solid timber, with which they make javelins, arrows, &c. and is supposed by some to be a sort of ebony.

**MACAW**. *n. f.* A bird in the West-Indies.

**MACE**. *n. f.* [*magga*, Saxon; *maga*, Spanish.]  
1. An ensign of authority worn before magistrates.  
He mightily upheld that royal mace  
Which now thou bear'st.

**MACE**. *n. f.* [*massue*, French; *massa*, Latin.] A heavy blunt weapon, a club of metal.

O murtherous slumber!  
Lay'st thou thy leaden mace upon my boy  
That plays thee musick?

The Turkish troops breaking in with their scimitars and heavy iron maces, made a most bloody execution.

With his mace their monarch struck the ground;  
And rising streams a ready passage found.

The mighty maces with such haste descend,  
They break the bones, and make the solid armour bend.

**MACE**. *n. f.* [*macis*, Latin.] A kind of spice.

The nutmeg is inclosed in a threefold covering, of which the second is *mace*: it is a thin and flat membranaceous substance, of an oleaginous, and a yellowish colour: it has an extremely fragrant, aromatick, and agreeable smell, and a pleasant, but acrid and oleaginous taste. *Mace* is carminative, stomachick, and astringent.

Water, vinegar, and honey, is a most excellent fudorick: it is more effectual with a little *mace* added to it.

**MACEA'LE**. *n. f.* [*mace* and *ale*.] Ale spiced with mace.

I prescribed him a draught of *maceale*, with hopes to dispose him to rest.

**MACEBEARER**. *n. f.* [*mace* and *bear*.] One who carries the mace before persons in authority.

I was placed at a quadrangular table, opposite to the macebearer.

**TO MACE'RATE**. *v. a.* [*macera*, Latin; *macerer*, French.]  
1. To make lean; to wear away.

Recurrent pains of the stomach, megrims, and other recurrent head-aches, *macerate* the parts, and render the looks of patients consumptive and pinish.

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Covetous men are all fools: for what greater folly can there be, or madness, than for such a man to *macerate* himself when he need not?

Out of an excess of zeal they practise mortifications; whereby they *macerate* their bodies, and impair their health.

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The saliva serves for a *maceration* and dissolution of the meat into a chyle.

**MAC'CHINAL**. *adj.* [*from machina*, Latin.] Relating to machines.

**TO MAC'HINATE**. *v. a.* [*machinar*, Latin; *machiner*, French.] To plan; to contrive.

**MACHINA'TION**. *n. f.* [*machinatio*, Lat. *machination*, French; from *machinate*.] Artifice; contrivance; malicious scheme.

Your business of the world hath for an end,  
And *machination* ceases.

That would my guiltless soul betray;  
From those who in my wrongs agree,  
And for my life their engines lay.

Some one intent on mischief, or inspir'd  
With devilish *machination*, might devise  
Like instrument, to plague the sons of men  
For sin; on war, and mutual slaughter bent.

Be frustrate all ye stratagems of hell,  
And devilish *machinations* come to nought.

How were they zealous in respect to their temporal governors! Not by open rebellion, not by private *machinations*; but in blessing and submitting to their emperors, and obeying them in all things but their idolatry.

**MACH'INE**. *n. f.* [*machina*, Latin; *machine*, French.] This word is pronounced *masheen*.

1. Any complicated piece of workmanship.  
We are led to conceive this great *machine* of the world to have been once in a state of greater simplicity, as to conceive a watch to have been once in its first materials.

In a watch's fine *machine*,  
The added movements which declare  
How full the moon, how old the year,  
Derive their secondary pow'r  
From that which simply points the hour.

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**MACTA'TION**. *n. f.* [*mactatus*, Latin.] The act of killing for sacrifice.

**MACULA**. *n. f.* [*Latin*.]  
1. A spot.  
And lastly, the body of the sun may contract some spots or *macule* greater than usual, and by that means be darkened.

**MACULA'TION**. *n. f.* [*from macula*.] Stain; spot; taint.  
I will throw my glove to death himself,  
That there's no *maculation* in thy heart.

**MACULATE**. *v. a.* [*maculo*, Lat.] To stain; to spot.  
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**MACULE**. *n. f.* [*macula*, Latin.] A spot; a stain.  
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—'Tis the time's plague when madmen lead the blind.

The poets sung,  
Thy mother from the sea was sprung;  
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**TO MA'DDEN**. *v. n.* [*from mad*.] To become mad; to act as mad.

The dog-star rages, nay 'tis past a doubt,  
All Bedlam or Parnassus is let out;  
Fire in each eye, and papers in each hand,  
They rave, recite, and madden round the land.

**TO MA'DDEN**. *v. a.* To make mad.  
Such *mad'ning* draughts of beauty,  
As for a while overwhelm'd his raptur'd thought.

**MA'DDER**. *n. f.* [*maceje*, Saxon.]  
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